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NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Langley Fork Historic District

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATIONSTREET & NUMBER Intersection of Georgetown Pike and Old
Chain Bridge Road

N/A

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Langley

☒ VICINITY OF

Tenth (Joseph L. Fisher)

STATE

Virginia

CODE

51

COUNTY

Fairfax

CODE

059

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☒ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

N/A

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☒ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☒ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

(See Continuation Sheet #1) Multiple Ownership

STREET & NUMBER

N/A

CITY, TOWN

N/A

N/A VICINITY OF

N/A STATE

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Fairfax County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

4000 Chain Bridge Road

CITY, TOWN

Fairfax

STATE

Virginia

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (2) (See Continuation Sheet #1)

TITLE

(1) Fairfax County Inventory of Historic Sites

DATE

1972

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Virginia Collection, Fairfax County Public Library

CITY, TOWN

Fairfax

STATE

Virginia

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT ☐ DETERIORATED
☒ GOOD ☐ RUINS
☐ FAIR ☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE N/A

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Langley Fork is formed by the intersection of the Georgetown Pike (Route 193) and Chain Bridge Road (Route 3563). Clustered around the fork are six historic structures, five on Georgetown Pike and the sixth south of the Pike on Chain Bridge Road. Georgetown Pike itself has been named by the Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation as a "Virginia Byway," a designation which recognizes the scenic and historic nature of the road.

The proposed district includes forty acres of land zoned for residential development of lots of at least one acre. Development is predominantly residential but also includes a church, a day school in an old church formerly converted to a residence, and a service station dating from the mid-20th century. Of the thirteen structures included in the proposed district, six are distinguished by their historic and architectural significance. The remaining structures reinforce the character of the older structures by their similar scale, setback, and building materials. The historic sites all date from the mid-19th century, and the character of the area has remained virtually unchanged since that time.

To the south and west of the district, the development is residential but of post-1940 construction, including recent subdivisions. North of the district, between it and the Potomac River, much land is in National Park Service ownership. To the west is Turkey Run Farm (an 18th-century living history farm), and the CIA headquarters are to the east.

Buildings and sites contributing to the character of the district:

(Numbers correspond with those on Section of Map of Fairfax County included with nomination)

- 29-108
1. Hickory Hill (1147 Chain Bridge Road): ca. 1870 mansard-roofed structure altered in 1931 and enlarged in 1964; 2½ stories; brick.

29-214-01

 2. 1133 Chain Bridge Road: 1950; 2 stories; brick.

29-214-02

 3. 1117 Chain Bridge Road: 1953; 2 stories; brick.

29-125

 4. Langley Ordinary (1101 Chain Bridge Road): ca. 1850; 2 stories; frame and clapboard with pond on 3 sides of the house.

29-214-03

 5. 6330 Georgetown Pike: 1925; cottage with front porch; covered in red siding.

29-214-04

 6. 6320 Georgetown Pike: 20th century; 2 stories; frame and clapboard; vacant.

29-126

 7. Langley Toll House (6324 Georgetown Pike): mid-19th century; originally 1 story, enlarged to 2 stories in 20th century; frame and clapboard.

29-214-05

 8. Gunnell's Chapel (6324 Georgetown Pike): after 1865; frame and clapboard; decorative bargeboard above sharp-arched entryway; long narrow windows.

29-214-06

 9. 6400 Georgetown Pike: 1934; 2½ stories; frame and clapboard, later 2-story shingled addition.

29-124

 10. Langley Friends Meeting House (6410 Georgetown Pike): 1893; 1 story with asymmetrical bell tower, wooden buttresses. Frame and clapboard with scrollwork bargeboard; long narrow windows surmounted by geometric pediments.

(See Continuation Sheet #2)

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES	N/A	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	Unknown
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The intersection commonly known as Langley Fork is one of the few remaining areas in Fairfax County retaining its historic identity and appearance and includes an interesting assemblage of local vernacular buildings. During the 18th century, the fork marked the intersection of Sugarlands Rolling Road and Little Falls Road and lay on land granted to Thomas Lee. Lee named the area "Langley" for his ancestral estate in England. In 1839 the Lee family sold seven hundred acres of land to Benjamin Mackall, who preserved the area's name of Langley.

In addition to its importance as a 19th-century junction on a major turnpike in northern Virginia, the area achieved Civil War significance when Langley Ordinary served as headquarters of Union General McCall of the Pennsylvania Reserves. The Langley neighborhood itself was of Confederate sympathy.

After construction of the earliest recorded buildings on Langley Fork at the beginning of the 19th century, the area developed slowly. The Atlas of Fifteen Miles Around Washington, D.C. by G. M. Hopkins (Providence District No. 5, 1878) shows Langley in an enlarged marginal insert, stressing its regional importance. The map also reveals Sugarlands Rolling Road and Little Falls Road to have been renamed Leesburg Georgetown Turnpike and Chain Bridge Road respectively. The road configuration and cluster of structures pictured on this map remain relatively unaltered today.

Six structures form the nucleus of the Langley Fork Historic District. They are the Langley Ordinary, the Langley Toll House, Gunnell's Chapel, the Langley Friends Meeting House, the Mackall House, and Hickory Hill.

The Langley Ordinary was built about 1850, probably by George F. M. Walters, and was the second ordinary or tavern to serve the area. The ordinary was a relatively new but obviously important structure when the Civil War interrupted its trade. During the war years it served as the headquarters of Union General McCall of the Pennsylvania Reserves. As is the case with many old structures in Fairfax County, it was used as a hospital for Civil War wounded. Signatures of Union soldiers still can be found on the walls of the old house. The Langley area during the Civil War must have been a scene of uneasy peace. It was a haven of Southern sympathies--General William Mackall was away serving with the Confederate army--while the Langley area was occupied by Union forces. The Langley Ordinary today is a private residence, but though the roof lines have been altered, the old porch covers three sides of the house as it did in the Rambler's 1917 photograph (Washington Star, January 7 and 28, 1917).

Across the Georgetown Pike from the Langley Ordinary is the Langley Toll House. In 1820 the Falls Bridge Turnpike Company authorized the erection of a toll house on the road. The structure known today as the Langley Toll House was the second structure of that name. It was purchased just after the Civil War by a Confederate veteran named Braden Hummer, who made

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Cooke, Elizabeth Miles. The History of the Old Georgetown Pike. Privately published 1977.
"The Rambler," The Washington Star, January 7, 1917, January 28, 1917.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 37 acres

QUADRANGLE NAME Falls Church, Va.

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 1,8 31,31,3,0 4,31,30,7,0

B 1,8 31,30,5,0 4,31,27,7,0

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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C 1,8 31,30,0,0 4,31,27,1,0

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G 1,8 31,27,1,0 4,31,29,6,0

H 1,8 31,29,2,0 4,31,31,4,0

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION The boundaries conform to the property lines of parcels 22-3 ((1)) 41, 42, 43, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 57, 61, 62, 63 and 64; and parcels 33-1 ((1)) 1 and 36 as recorded in the 1979 map of Fairfax County. The original map is located in the County Division of Mapping, 4100 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia 22030.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
N/A		N/A	
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
N/A		N/A	

11 FORM PREPARED BY (2) (1) Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission, 221 Governor Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219 - Telephone (804) 786-3144

NAME / TITLE

(2) Elizabeth David, Historic Preservation Planner

ORGANIZATION

Fairfax County Office of Comprehensive Planning

DATE

May 1980

STREET & NUMBER

4100 Chain Bridge Road

TELEPHONE

(703) 691-2101

CITY OR TOWN

Fairfax

STATE

Virginia 22030

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE X

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE H. Bryan Mitchell, Executive Director
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE SEP 16 1980

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

DATE

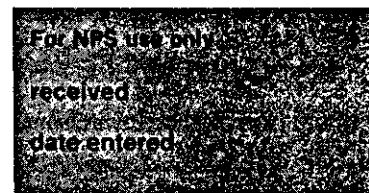
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LANGLEY FORK HISTORIC DISTRICT, Fairfax Co.



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Herbert and Ann Scoville
6400 Georgetown Pike
McLean, Va. 22101

Ethel S. Kennedy
1147 Chain Bridge Road
McLean, Va. 22101

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2830 Arizona Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20016

Peter and Marilyn Morabito
1133 Chain Bridge Road
McLean, Va. 22101

Roland L. and Hazel R. Sanders
6324 Georgetown Pike
McLean, Va. 22101

Roberto R. and Anita T. Basilio
6330 Georgetown Pike
McLean, Va. 22101

Kline A. Price and R. Frank Jones
Suite 880, 1850 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20016

The Church Friends Meeting of Washington, D. C.
6410 Georgetown Pike
McLean, Va. 22101

Dorothy B. McCormick
6418 Georgetown Pike
McLean, Va. 22101

Capital Investments of Va., Inc
1102 Chain Bridge Road
McLean, Va. 22101

Ed. T. Doyle
1100 Chain Bridge Road
McLean, Va. 22101

Jeffrey M., Ana, and Maria B. Bucher
1117 Chain Bridge Road
McLean, Va. 22101

Lorraine B. Holdsworth
1101 Chain Bridge Road
McLean, Va. 22101

Phillippe & Nanci Nadeau
6333 Georgetown Pike
McLean, Va. 22101

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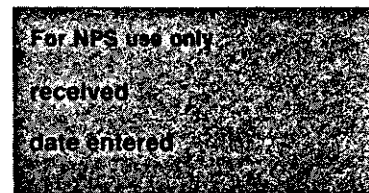
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

- (2) Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Survey
1979 State
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
221 Governor Street
Richmond, Va. 23219

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7. DESCRIPTION

- 29-214-07
11. Mackall House (6418 Georgetown Pike): 1858 central part built as a church, transformed into a residence in late 19th century; additions to east and west sides; masonry; 3 bays in front with pediment.
- 29-214-08
- 1a 1103 Chain Bridge Road: 1979; low scale; 1-story white stucco building, with red pagoda-like arch at entrance. Does not conform to the established historic character of the district.
- 29-214-09
- 2a Amoco station (6335 Georgetown Pike): 1932; 1½-story structure with white siding and shutters.

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alterations to it. During his ownership, which lasted until 1924, he operated a grocery store in the house. Directly to the west of the toll house is Gunnell's Chapel, a small wooden structure originally built as what was then known as a colored chapel. West of this property is the Langley Friends Meeting House. The structure dates from 1853 and was built as the second meeting place of the Trinity Methodist Church. The clapboard structure, with its asymmetrical bell tower, has wooden buttresses built up against both side walls, a design characteristic frequently found in stone churches but not in those of wood. A scrollwork bargeboard decorates the front roof gable and the long narrow windows are surmounted by geometric pediments. In 1961 this building became the property of the Religious Society of Friends and is now called the Langley Friends Meeting House. Overlooking the surrounding area reminiscent of Civil War activity, the Quaker Meeting maintains its traditional opposition to war, posting on its House door a Writ of Sanctuary.

Immediately west of the meeting house is the old Mackall House, now the site of the Happy Hill Country Day School. This structure was first built as Trinity Methodist Church in 1858. The Douglas S. Mackall family converted the building into a residence in the later part of the century, and different generations of Mackalls occupied it until the 1940s. Since that time, it has housed different schools, including its present occupant, the Country Day School. It is a large masonry structure which sits on top of a high hill facing Georgetown Pike. Wings have been added, as well as a large porch which covers the front and south sides. The central core is clearly an ecclesiastical structure, revealing characteristics of the Greek Revival.

South of Georgetown Pike on Chain Bridge Road is the old house known as Hickory Hill. In 1846 George Walters bought eighty-eight acres of land, including this site, and before his death in 1890 had built several houses in this area. An 1865 ordinance map of northern Virginia indicates that at that time there was no structure on the site of Hickory Hill.

(See Continuation Sheet #3)

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This house was built shortly after the Civil War. In 1931 it was transformed from a mansard-roofed structure with encircling columned verandah to a simple 2½-story white brick building. Since that time additional interior renovations were made by subsequent owners Associate Supreme Court Justice Robert Jackson and Senator (later President) John F. Kennedy. In 1964 Senator Robert F. Kennedy added a north wing. Because of the national and international significance of the Kennedy family, Hickory Hill has been the scene of much important and highly publicized political and social activity.

Twice in recent history residents along the pike and fork have rallied to express their interest in retaining the character of the whole area. In the early 1960s the Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation planned to widen and improve the old Langley Fork intersection. A committee of local residents, including John F. Kennedy of Hickory Hill, was instrumental in convincing the Highway Department to abolish this plan and instead to choose a new alignment, now Dolley Madison Boulevard, to the east of the Old Chain Bridge Road. In 1974 efforts of the citizens in the area of the sixteen-mile Georgetown Pike culminated in the designation of the old road as a Virginia Byway, the first in the state system. Fairfax County is proposing to protect the character of the area by including it in a County historic district, which will result in architectural review of all new construction and development in the area.

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LANGLEY FORK HISTORIC DISTRICT
 Fairfax County, Va.
 Section of Map of Fairfax County, Va.
 1979
 Original map located in the County Division
 of mapping, 4100 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax,
 Virginia 22030
 Scale: 1"=500'
 Map 1 of 3
 Bold-face numbers refer to nomination
 inventory



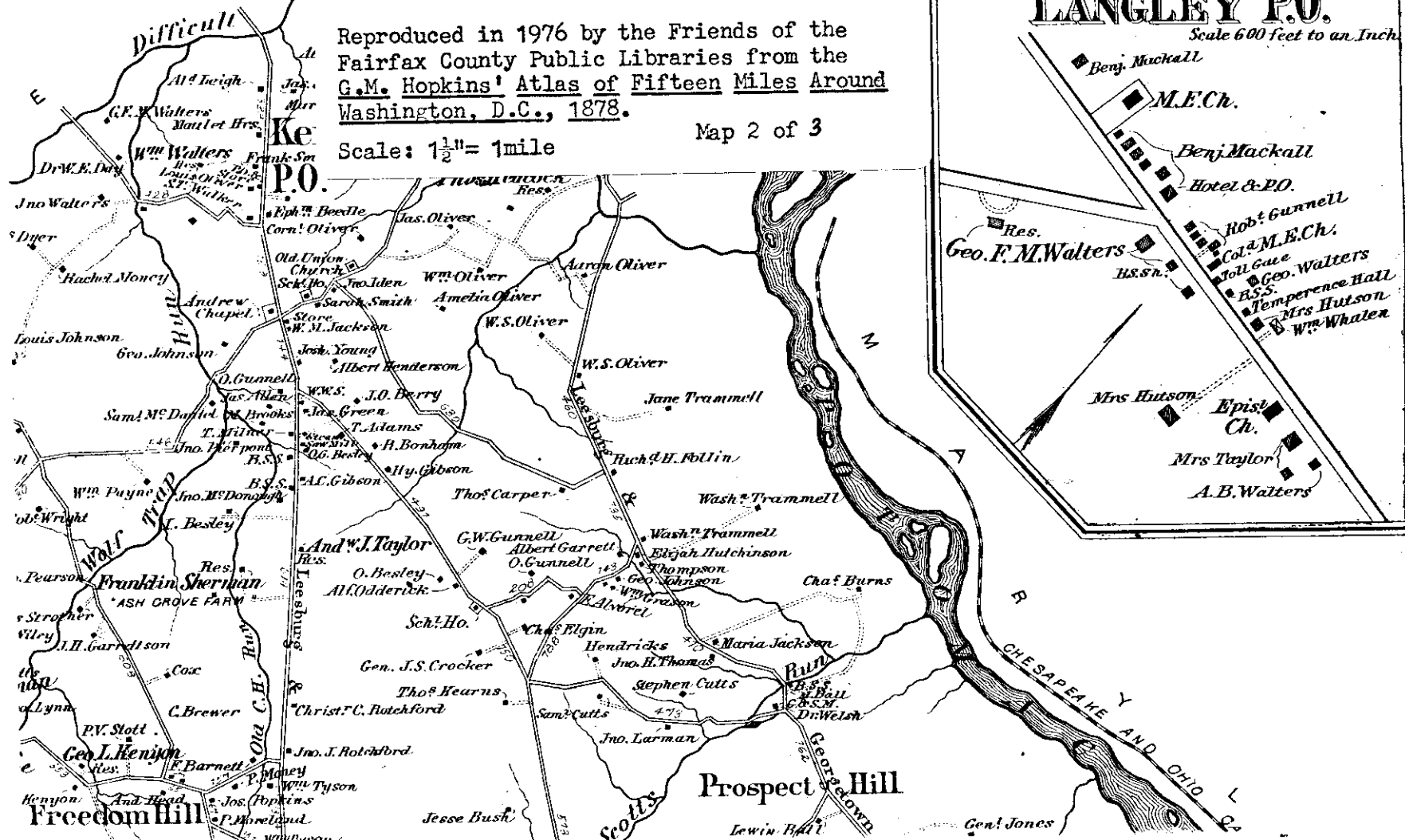
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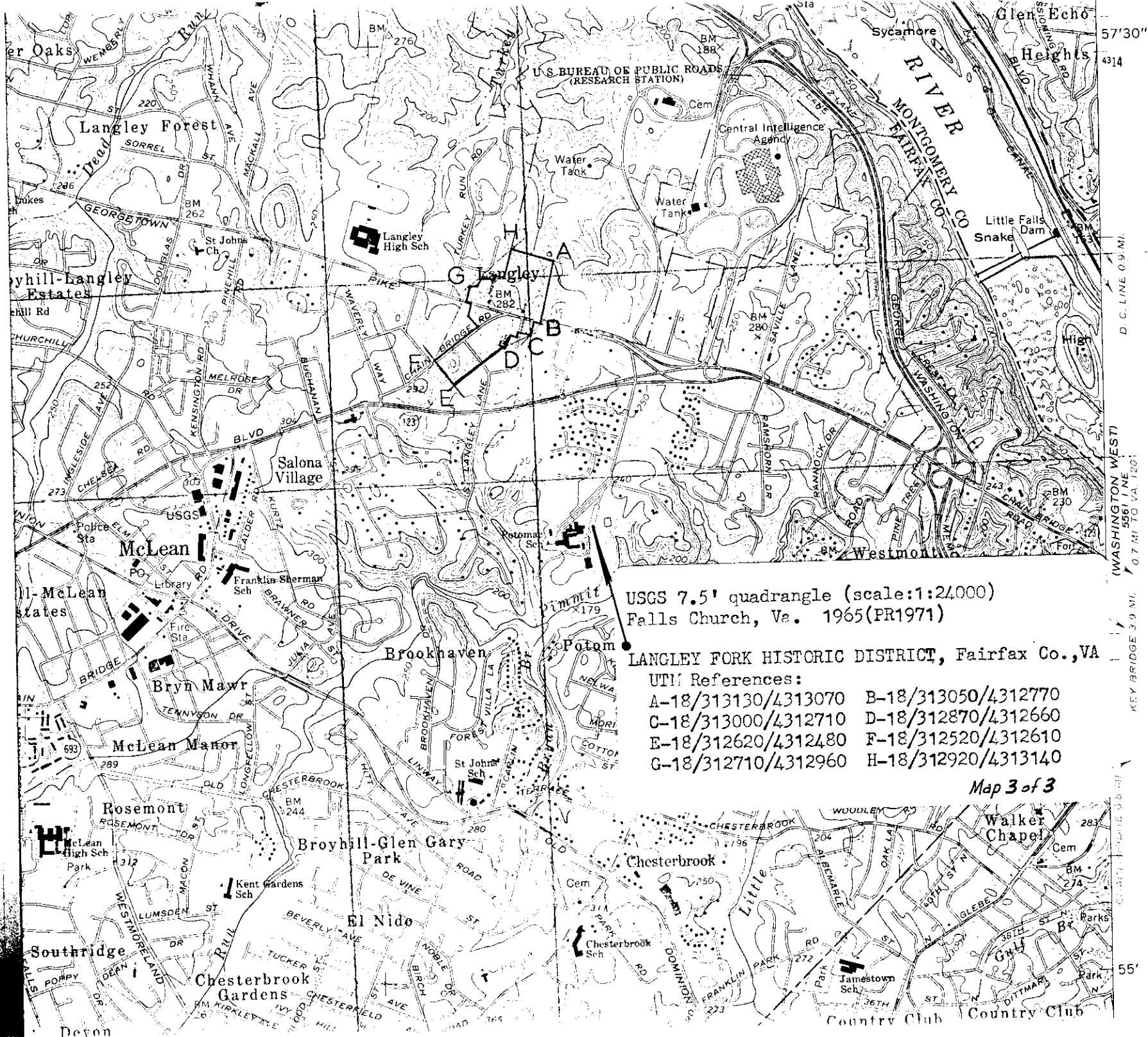
"Providence Dist. No. 5, Fairfax Co."

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Fairfax County Public Libraries from the
G.M. Hopkins' Atlas of Fifteen Miles Around
Washington, D.C., 1878.

Scale: $1\frac{1}{2}" = 1\text{mile}$

Map 2 of 3





USGS 7.5' quadrangle (scale:1:24,000)
Falls Church, Va. 1965(PR1971)

LANGLEY FORK HISTORIC DISTRICT, Fairfax Co., VA

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Map 3 of 3

D. C. LINE 0.9 MI.

(WASHINGTON WEST)
3561' N.E.
0.7 MI TO VA. 1201

KEY BRIDGE 3.9 MI.

55'